State	Covered	CAP (Open)
Uttar Pradesh	28	05
Andhra Pradesh	21	01
Kerala	01	—
Karnataka	04	04
Tamil Nadu	—	—
Pondicherry	—	01
Gujarat	06	08
Maharashtra	07	02
Goa	—	—
Madhya Pradesh	09	07
Grand Total (All India)	264	161

Food procurement centres in Orissa

2913. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Government's food procurement centre is there in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to absence of any such procurement centre in the State the farmers are suffering in the hands of the middle men; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken/are taking to help farmers so that they could not fall prey in the clutches of the middle men?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) The Food Corporation

of India (FCI) is operating 70 centres for procurement of levy rice in Orissa. The detailed list of these centres is at statement (*See* below).

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Food Corporation of India is procuring levy rice in accordance with the Levy (Control) Order issued by the Government of Orissa. The State Government has directed the District Collectors to take stringent action wherever there is purchase of paddy below the Minimum Support Price.

During the current Kharif Marketing Season 2000-2001, till 16.3.2001, a quantity of 4.51 lakh tonnes of rice has been procured as against 4.49 lakh tonnes procured during the corresponding period of last year.

Procurement Centres of Levy Rice in Orissa

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Centre
1.	Rupsa
2.	Jeleswar
3.	Ranital
4.	Barbil
5.	Keonjhar
6.	Badampahar
7.	Rairangpur
8.	Baripada
9.	Chandvali
10.	Jagatpur
11.	Cuttack
12.	Choudwar
13.	Dhenkanal
14.	Angul (2 centres)
15.	J.K. Road
16.	Banki
17.	Dhanmandal
18.	Hirakud

Sl. No.	Name of the Centre
19.	Bargarh (2 centres)
20.	Nagenpalli
21.	Attabira (2 centres)
22.	Jharsuguda
23.	Balijhori
24.	Rourkela
25.	Durgapali
26.	Sambalpur
27.	Bhubaneswar (2 centres)
28.	Khurda Road
29.	Khurda
30.	Naygarh
31.	Jatni
32.	Sakhigopal
33.	Jagannathpur (2 centres)
34.	Berhampur
35.	Phulbani (2 centres)
36.	Paralakhemundi (2 centres)
37.	Aska
38.	Umeri
39.	Jeypore (2 centre)
40.	Nawarangpur (2 centres)
41.	Rayagada (3 centres)
42.	Gunupur
43.	Malakanagiri
44.	Umerkot
45.	Boriguma
46.	Kotpad
47.	Mathili
48.	Dungripali
49.	Balangir
50.	Kantabanjhi
51.	Titilagarh
52.	Kesinga (3 centres)
53.	Bhawanipatna
54.	Khariar Road

Sl. No.	Name of the Centre
55.	Manmunda
56.	Junagarh
57.	Narla Road

Food Items and Kerosene for Public Distribution System

†2914. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the quantum of food items and Kerosene being provided for the Public Distribution System, State-wise;

(b) whether any complaints with regard to irregularities have been received against the agencies and individuals engaged in the PDS; and

(c) if so, the action taken so far against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) A statement indicating State-wise and month-wise allocations of the rice, wheat, sugar and kerosene for the month of March, 2001 is given (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Public Distribution System (PDS) is an operation of vast magnitude involving large number of agencies under the joint responsibility of the Centre and the State Governments. As such offences committed by some functionaries owing to temptations of easy black money cannot be ruled out. The responsibility for identification of the families living below the poverty line, issue of ration cards to them for distribution of essential commodities under the PDS through the Fair Price Shops in a transparent and accountable manner rests with the State Government. The complaints received are investigated at appropriate level.

The State Governments have been requested to closely monitor the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.